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SUBJ: NEW HEBRIDES GROUP DECLARES INDEPENDENCE

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS RECEIVED SUVA DECEMBER 30 AND 31, NA-GRIAMEL FEDERATION IN NEW HEBRIDES, LED BY JIMMY STEVENS, HAS DECLARED ISLAND OF ESPIRITU SANTO INDEPENDENT. MOVE WAS MADE DEC 27 WHEN STEVENS AND GROUP REPORTEDLY ABOUT 2700 STRONG MARCHED PEACEFULLY TO BRITISH AND FRENCH RESIDENCIES IN CAPITAL OF VILA (ON ISLAND OF EFATE) AND ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTIONS. ESPIRITU SANTO (USUALLY CALLED SANTO) IS LARGEST ISLAND IN ANGLO-FRENCH CONDOMINIUM.

2. BRITISH AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE REPORTEDLY ISSUED UNCLASSIFIED

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JOINT COMMUNIQUE DECEMBER 30 IN WHICH THEY SAID THEY WILL NOT

RENOUCE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PEOPLE OF NEW HEBRIDES
GROUP. COMMUNIQUE SAID CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS WERE MATTER
FOR LONDON, PARIS AND PROPERTY CHOSEN REPRESENTATIVES OF
PEOPLE TO RESOLVE.

3. ONE REPORT STATED THAT STEVENS HAD SENT REPRESENTATIVE TO
UN TO EXPLAIN GROUP S ACTION.

4. SITUATION IN SENTO DESCRIBED AS "UNCERTAIN BUT PEACEFUL
AND QUIET".
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